

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
AUSTIN DIVISION**

NETCHOICE, LLC, *ET AL.*,

*PLAINTIFFS,*

v.

CASE NO. 1:21-CV-00840-RP

KEN PAXTON, IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS  
ATTORNEY GENERAL OF TEXAS,

*DEFENDANT.*

**KEN PAXTON’S MOTION TO WITHDRAW COUNSEL AND DESIGNATION OF ATTORNEY IN  
CHARGE**

Defendant Ken Paxton, in his official capacity as Attorney General of Texas files this Motion to Withdraw Counsel and Designation of Attorney in Charge. In support thereof, Defendant respectfully shows the Court the following:

BENJAMIN S. LYLES has been designated as Attorney in Charge for Defendant in this matter. Mr. Lyles is no longer with the Office of the Attorney General of Texas.

RYAN G. KERCHER, Deputy Chief for Special Litigation Division, has been assigned as Attorney in Charge to represent Defendant in this cause. Mr. Kercher is admitted to practice in the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas and is a member in good standing of the State Bar of Texas.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Defendant respectfully requests that this Court permit Benjamin S. Lyles to withdraw as Counsel of Record and to designate Ryan G. Kercher as Attorney in Charge for Defendant in the above-styled and numbered cause of action, and that he be served with all future correspondence and pleadings.

Date: January 3, 2025

Respectfully submitted.

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Attorney General

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**COUNSEL FOR DEFENDANT**

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that a true and accurate copy of the foregoing document was filed electronically  
(via CM/ECF) on January 3, 2025 and that all counsel of record were served by CM/ECF.

/s/ Ryan G. Kercher  
**RYAN G. KERCHER**